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**VIA FAX AND U. S. MAIL**

The Honorable Jane Dee Hull  
Governor  
State of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Ring v. Arizona

Dear Governor Hull:

As you and I discussed, the Ring decision requires immediate action. Today, I am sending a letter to all County Attorneys and all presiding Superior Court Judges recommending that they suspend all sentencing in death penalty cases in light of Ring.

I recommend that you plan a special session of the Legislature to amend Arizona's death penalty statutes to comply with the Ring opinion. My staff is available to meet with yours at a moments notice with the options available to you. Obviously, with the fires burning in the north-eastern part of the State and the crises that confront you, you may not be able to call a special session within the next week or two. However, I believe it incumbent that you call a special session as soon as practicable so that these issues can be resolved, so that these cases can proceed, and so that the survivors know that there is some hope of finality.

Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano  
Attorney General